



CARVER

Plymouth County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Carver is situated in southeastern Massachusetts, 38 miles from Boston, and is the site of three rivers, brooks, ponds and sizeable swamps. The town had large cedar and pine stands so the abundant water power provided energy for many sawmills. The discovery of iron ore in the region stimulated the development of iron foundries as well, while the agricultural economy in the town was based heavily on cranberries. In the 1940's, the Town of Carver produced more cranberries than any town in the world and despite dramatic population increases, Carver's cranberry bogs are still an important part of the town. Additionally, the bogs, forest land and large amounts of water served to limit development and retain a rural flavor for the community.

Money from iron built handsome mansions in Carver, some of which still exist, while the foundries and bogs drew immigrant workers from the Cape Verde islands and from Finland who remain as part of the town's population. Although Carver is now clearly a suburban commuter community, it is one of the few towns with a significant remaining agricultural component as cranberries have become a big national business.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Middleborough on the west, Plympton on the north, Kingston on the northeast, Plymouth on the east, and Wareham on the south. Carver is 40 miles southeast of Boston; 39 miles east of Providence, Rhode Island; and 219 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 39.81 sq. miles

Land Area: 37.55 sq. miles

Population: 10,590

Density: 282 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Plymouth Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.0°F

Normal annual precipitation.....48.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Plympton, Wareham, Salpatuit Pond, Plymouth

Regional Planning Agency

Southeastern Regional Planning and
Economic Development District

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 866-3400

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen
Executive Secretary
Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1790

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	5,857		
Democrats	1,833	31.3	%
Republicans	971	16.6	%
Other parties	4	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,049	52.1	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Carver town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	11,163	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	11,163	100.0
Male.....	5,455	48.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	91	0.8
Female.....	5,708	51.1	Mexican.....	18	0.2
Under 5 years.....	726	6.5	Puerto Rican.....	34	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	851	7.6	Cuban.....	6	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	912	8.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	33	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	820	7.3	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	11,072	99.2
20 to 24 years.....	503	4.5	White alone.....	10,636	95.3
25 to 34 years.....	1,341	12.0	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,816	16.3	Total population.....	11,163	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,701	15.2	In households.....	11,152	99.9
55 to 59 years.....	479	4.3	Householder.....	3,984	35.7
60 to 64 years.....	364	3.3	Spouse.....	2,521	22.6
65 to 74 years.....	823	7.4	Child.....	3,736	33.5
75 to 84 years.....	676	6.1	Own child under 18 years.....	2,795	25.0
85 years and over.....	151	1.4	Other relatives.....	451	4.0
Median age (years).....	37.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	177	1.6
18 years and over.....	8,118	72.7	Nonrelatives.....	460	4.1
Male.....	3,866	34.6	Unmarried partner.....	209	1.9
Female.....	4,252	38.1	In group quarters.....	11	0.1
21 years and over.....	7,738	69.3	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	1,876	16.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	11	0.1
65 years and over.....	1,650	14.8	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	713	6.4	Total households.....	3,984	100.0
Female.....	937	8.4	Family households (families).....	3,010	75.6
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,459	36.6
One race.....	10,981	98.4	Married-couple family.....	2,521	63.3
White.....	10,692	95.8	With own children under 18 years.....	1,205	30.2
Black or African American.....	136	1.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	346	8.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	11	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	178	4.5
Asian.....	34	0.3	Nonfamily households.....	974	24.4
Asian Indian.....	3	-	Householder living alone.....	786	19.7
Chinese.....	6	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	466	11.7
Filipino.....	5	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,572	39.5
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,180	29.6
Korean.....	4	-	Average household size.....	2.80	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.23	(X)
Other Asian ¹	16	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	Total housing units.....	4,127	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,984	96.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	143	3.5
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	64	1.6
Some other race.....	107	1.0	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.8	(X)
Two or more races.....	182	1.6	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	4.0	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	3,984	100.0
White.....	10,847	97.2	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,645	91.5
Black or African American.....	206	1.8	Renter-occupied housing units.....	339	8.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	73	0.7	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.83	(X)
Asian.....	62	0.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.45	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	0.1			
Some other race.....	174	1.6			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	36
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Carver lies in the heart of the Old Colony Region between Boston and Cape Cod. The major highways are State Route 3 and Interstate 495, which give access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of the Greater Boston Region.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 58, which runs in a N-S direction, and U.S. Route 44, which runs E-W between the coast and Providence, Rhode Island.

Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 on both the Middleborough and Plymouth Lines.

Bus

Carver is a member of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Authority (GATRA), which provides Dial-A-Ride service to the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Plymouth Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located 4 mi SW of the city, has 2 asphalt runways 2,501'x75' and 3,501'x75'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Hilltop Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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